

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Board Members

FROM: Kenneth A. Mix, Planning and Community Development Coordinator

SUBJECT: Zone Change – 520-526 Meade Street

DATE: December 30, 2013

Request: To change the approved zoning classification of 520 and 526 Meade Street,

parcels 1-15-220 and 1-15-221, from Residence B to Neighborhood Business

Applicant: James and Laura Williams

Owner: God in Christ Inc Family Worship Ctr

SEQRA: Unlisted

County review: January meeting

Comments: The applicant is requesting to change the subject property from Residence B to Neighborhood Business to allow the operation of a martial arts studio. The building was most recently used as a church, but has also previously been used as a distribution warehouse. A July 1978 variance permitted this specific use in the residential district.

Surrounding land uses include retail, government offices, and residences. The adjacent parcel to the south is zoned Neighborhood Business.

The proposed change area is designated for medium density residential use in the adopted Land Use Plan.

cc: City Council Members

Robert J. Slye, City Attorney Justin Wood, Civil Engineer II

James Williams, 8494 Rte 12E, Three Mile Bay NY 13693